

REMARKS

In the outstanding official action, independent claim 1 and claim 2 were rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Lowther, for the reasons of record, with the remaining dependent claims being rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lowther in view of the cited secondary references. Although no specific statutory rejection appears to be applied as against claims 8 and 9, it is noted that these claims are discussed under the rejection of claims 1 and 2.

In response to the outstanding rejections, claims 1 and 2 are herewith amended to more particularly and precisely define and distinguish the instant invention over the cited and applied references, and it is respectfully submitted that independent claim 1, and the remaining claims depending therefrom, are clearly patentably distinguishable for the reasons detailed below.

More specifically, independent claim 1 is herewith amended in order to more particularly recite that the plurality of conductive first tracks is situated in a first ground shield plane in parallel with and adjacent to the first plane of the winding. Such an arrangement, as clearly illustrated, *inter alia*, in Fig. 3, is clearly distinguishable over the structure shown in the cited portion of Lowther, wherein the plane of the winding (814) and the plane of the shield (804) are clearly not adjacent and furthermore

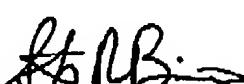
are separated by various other components such as electrical connections 815 and second path conductor 812 (see Fig. 8 of the reference).

Furthermore, it is noted that claim 2 is herewith amended to more particularly recite that all of the first tracks are straight tracks, as shown in Fig. 1 of the instant application, a configuration which is clearly patentably distinguishable over the tracks shown in Fig. 9 of the reference, which are clearly not straight tracks. Finally, with respect to claim 8, although no specific statutory rejection is applied to this claim, it is suggested in the Action that Fig. 9 of Lowther discloses a "substantially circular" winding. On the contrary, it is respectfully submitted that what Lowther shows, precisely, is an octagonal winding, which in no way shows or suggests a substantially circular winding (i.e. one that is round or nearly so) as disclosed in the instant application. Clearly, an octagonal shape is not the same as, or analogous to a substantially circular shape.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that independent claim 1 and the remaining claims depending therefrom are clearly patentably distinguishable over the cited and applied references. Furthermore, additional patentable distinctions have been established with respect to

dependent claims 2 and 8 as discussed above. Accordingly, allowance of the instant application is respectfully submitted to be justified at the present time, and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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